

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atty. Dkt.: 2752-56

Date: October 10, 2001

Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Maertens et al

Entitled: PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR
DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE

and including attachments as noted below:

Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
86 pages of specification and claims (including 48 numbered claims), and
59 sheets of accompanying drawing/s. (57 sheets of formal drawings)
 Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
 Attached is a Power of Attorney.

 Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
94870132.1	Europe	29 July 1994
PCT/EP95/03031		Pending

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on March 11, 1996 in prior appln. no. 08/612,973 filed March 11, 1996

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/928,017, filed September 11, 1997, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/612,973, filed March 11, 1996, which is a 371 of PCT/EP95/03031 filed July 31, 1995, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to Innogenetics NV.

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

 Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached. Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other:
Request re: CRF of Sequence Listing

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

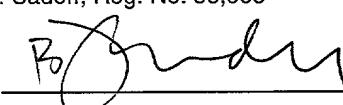
Basic Filing Fee		\$	740.00
Total effective claims 51 - 20 (at least 20) = 31 x \$ 18.00		\$	558.00
Independent claims 6 - 3 (at least 3) = 3 x \$ 84.00		\$	252.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)		\$	0.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$	1550.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract		\$	(0.00)
	SECOND SUBTOTAL	\$	1550.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)		\$	0.00
	TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$	1,550.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Sir:

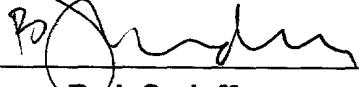
REQUEST

The attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing is the same as the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing filed in the grand-parent Application No. 08/612,973 on March 11, 1996. The Office is requested to use the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed on March 11, 1996, in the grand-parent Application No. 08/612,973, for the present application. The attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing is the same as the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed on March 11, 1996, in the parent Application No. 08/612,973. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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